

PALLADIANS ORATE

The Twelfth Annual Chase and Wheeler Contest

The twelfth annual Chase and Wheeler contest in oratory of the Palladian society occurred Saturday evening in chapel. The platform was decorated tastefully with flowers, palms, and university colors. The program was opened by a piano solo by Mr. Kimball of the university conservatory. Mr. Leavitt of the class of '96 was the orator of the evening. Mr. Leavitt spoke upon "A Few Principles of Progress." His central thought was that happiness is the result of obedience to divine laws and progress is the result of happiness.

The oration was well written and the speaker showed a little embarrassment but held the attention of the audience.

The second oration, "The War in the East," was delivered by Jasper Hunt. The speaker described in a brief and interesting manner the war between China and Japan. Mr. Hunt's delivery was well adapted to his subject but his manuscript was not so much of an oration as was that of the first speaker. Miss Clara Spencer favored the audience with a vocal solo.

Miss Flora Bullock spoke on "The New West." Her delivery was smooth, unaffected and very effective. The manuscript was very well written. Miss Bullock discussed the importance of the word "West" in history and dwelt at length on influence of the United States and especially upon "The New West." She showed what a powerful factor this great west is in moulding American character. Mrs. Harret Blair Ward delighted the audience with a vocal solo which was heartily encored.

Miss Leonard delivered an able oration on "Present and Future." She was somewhat confused for a moment by being prompted too hastily. The speaker dwelt upon the unsatisfactory conditions of the present and pointed out the way for improving. She showed that the future would be well if we all work in the right direction.

While the decision of the judges was being announced, Prof. Planque rendered a banjo solo, "Uni Cadets' March" of his own composition and dedicated to the cadets of the University of Nebraska. Prof. Planque responded to an enthusiastic encore. After the usual delay the decision was announced. Miss Bullock received first and Mr. Leavitt second place. A reception to the contestants was held in Palladian Hall immediately after the contest.

The herbarium case of the Survey is already over crowded.

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[The following realistic poem was found among the waste papers of a last year's freshman who had evidently had some experience with the English department, which experience probably accounts for his absence this year.]

The English Department's Mascotte.

Up in the English attic, midst th' intellectual air,
Often a fair white pigeon is seen reposing there.
There's something strange and mystic about this little bird,
And the reason why it's kept there perhaps you've never heard;
But this I've often noticed, perhaps you've caught on, too,
'Twas always most conspicuous when the freshmen's themes fell due.
Once I asked the Herr Professor about his little pet,
But he thought I meant his sweetheart and he hasn't told me yet.
But I know a little magic by which I can change my form,
With wings I can go with the whirlwind and ride upon the storm.
So changing myself to a mouse and and hiding in a corner near,
I saw everything that happened without a throb of fear.
A stack of freshmen essays was piled up on his table,
A year's work, I thought, to correct them, unless he was very able.
Soon in stalked the Herr Professor and sat him in his chair,
And looked at the pile of essays with a very nonchalant air.
Then—"Come, my little Mascotte," he called to the pigeon white,
"Here's a monstrous pile of essays to be hurried through ere night."
Then he poured red ink in a platter and the pigeon stepped right in.
Next he opened wide an essay and said to it, "Begin!"
The pigeon walked o'er the margin and once or twice inside,
Leaving its tracks in red ink and a blot or two beside.
It knew by the paper's appearance where a "comar" ought to be,
And its knowledge of awkward clauses was a great "idear" to me,
For in all Ameriker's history such a thing had never occurred
Of correcting college essays by means of a snow white bird.
Quickly they went over the essays and quickly the work was done,
Then the Prof. caressed the pigeon, saying sweetly, "You're my hun."
Now when I see students struggling to translate some mystic mark,
I think of the sight I saw from out that corner dark.
Now condemn not the Herr Professor for trying that little ruse,
It's no worse for the Prof. to pigeon than for you a pony to use.
JOHN JONES.

To Monty's Whiskers.

Speak not lightly of his Whiskers.
Do not make his fond heart sore.
They will make a splendid windbrake
When he irrigates them more.
Long he watched them grow and ripen
Into the sunset's golden hue;
And smiled to see how nice they fit him,
Though they were so awful few.
But in the glad and gleeful springtime,
When the world with joy abounds,
On his face those darling whiskers
Will no longer then be found.
For when robin redbreast's story
Fills the circumambient air
He'll shave off those mighty galways,
And gently stuff them in a chair.

Ned Brown, '92, and Miss May Campbell, alumni of Palladian Society, acted as judges on delivery at the Chase and Wheeler contest.

The question chosen for discussion in the Kansas-Nebraska debate is, Resolved, that less weight should be given to precedent in judicial decisions. The sides of the question have not yet been decided.

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EXCHANGES.

One of the best all round newspapers that come to our table is the *Pathfinder*, of Washington, D. C. It boils its news down, and is pungent enough to be interesting.

"Willie, is your sister at home?"
"Dunno; what's your name?"
"Sedgwick."
"Well, I'll go and ask; but I don't think that's the name."
—*Pathfinder*.

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where,
But shortly after man came round,
And I bought a dead dog at a dollar a pound.
—Cornell Willow.

Mrs. Bryan's Address.

The excellent addresses on municipal government delivered before the Woman's Club of Lincoln, at its last meeting, were repeated before the Political Economy Club Wednesday evening. Mrs. W. J. Bryan spoke on "Efficiency in Municipal Government." She described the municipal governments of Paris, Glasgow, Birmingham, London, Berlin and New York. She pointed out the merits of the various systems, discussed their weaknesses and showed what features of European methods might be advantageously introduced into the United States.

Miss Mary Jones was unable to be present on account of the injury she had received, but kindly sent her paper on "Corruption in City Government," which was read by the secretary.

The next address will be delivered in the chapel, February 6th, by Rev. E. H. Chapin of this city, on "The Bond of Social Union."

"Say, Dean, there goes a bigger man than you are." Dean: "Show me to him quick."

Their Wedding Trip.

CONCLUDED.

[This story will positively not be published in book form.]
"See!" Mercedes again exclaimed. "There is the street!" and she pointed excitedly to a hay wagon hitched in front of a saloon. "I recognize in that vehicle the hay wagon of one of my father's faithful serfs."
"We are saved," cried Patrique in a tone of joy.

They ran to the wagon and clambered in gleefully. They ever and anon heaved sighs of relief as they waited patiently for the driver to appear.

At last he came. He told them that when Mercedes' father heard of her elopement, he had nearly gone wild with joy and had given all his servants a holiday, while he himself had gone fishing near Havenlock.

The trio started for Wesleyan. Oh! what feelings of relief filled the hearts of Patrique and Mercedes as they arrived within sight of that beautiful village.

They drove up at the front door of Mercedes' home.

Mr. McQuinnite was there. He rushed out at Patrique, who thought that he was about to be murdered.

But Mr. McQuinnite threw his arms about Patrique's neck and kissed his daughter saying, "Bless you my children! Bless you!"

"Mercedes," he said, "you are forgiven if you will only come back and live with me. I tried to cook supper but, alas, I did not succeed. Your poodle has since nearly died from eating one of the biscuits which I made. Come back, Mercedes! Oh come!"

And the setting sun cast his last, long, lingering look upon the group as they stood there locked in a sweet embrace.

And the twilight deepened, and the insects in the grass began to sing, and a night hawk far above swooped low, piecing the air with his strange, rattling noise.

And ever and anon, or oftener, a low, sweet, saw-wail came from under the house. It was the poodle dog in his expiring throes, and as the day died so did the poor dog, the only victim of their wedding trip.

THE END.

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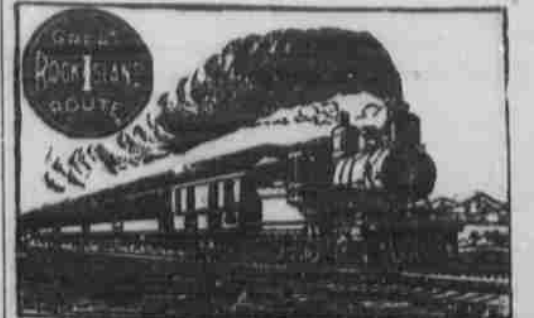
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